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So the right mayor and I took her back to the station and I walked back to my hotel lodgings to get my X— as best I could alone.

"But I am not going to weary you by a serious narrative," continued my prefectural friend, gloomily "all the candidates for the elections were soon to come on, and I was under express orders to act impartially by everybody, that is hold the balance even between all the candidates. In private instruction language, however, this means, as you know, that if the Ministerial candidates were to act, I must not be for the prefect, are dismissed.

"But you must keep up appearance, so I have dated myself this problem—how to ensure the return of my friend and a seaman who were devoted partisans of M. Thiers, who was the Minister of the Interior, anathematised the seaman; nor the Bishop of the garrison, who would have nothing to say to the salters. Ah! that Bishop—what a man! and what

his life in such a way that no mistake
n. He was then angling for a prefectship

the misfortune to host him into the House I should have been on the way. V. ascended the throne. For the first time the Bishop spoke of Henry V. as if he were waiting downstairs ready to come up. And then came the General of the garrison—a Bonapartist who did not mind pins for this government of greenbacks: that the Emperor would land for certain before the twelfth month was over. After him, the local gentry, who were in favour of the dynasty, and the alienated gentry, who were in favour of the republicans of their own, all declared in connection with drysailing. Finally, I had the opinion of Red Republicans, who warned me that the eye of the sovereign people was upon me. The upstart myself as sixes and sevens with the whole world. You think that a prefall will be considered a success if he lets all the candidates start fair and square.

memory as a natural manifestation of the mind. He gave a sort of mean, and told

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Clarisse was for doing things grandly
and living under magnificent conditions.

"In what way?" I inquired. "In the way the Government," replied he, "and as we had by then time reached the station, and were in the midst of a crowd of legislators hastening back to Paris to discuss with my friend successively raised his hat to M. Comte, M. de Montalembert, M. de Falloux, and lastly to M. Bocher, the solicitor to the President of the Republic, who eyed him askance; to M. Conti, the leprosiatist, who immediately looked another way; as I gazed, to M. Clément Laurier, the *Admiral* of the Chamber, who, with a look of scorn, turned his back on me, and, with a hand and a laugh, "Vous savez, mon cher monsieur, j'ai été jadis *le* *seul* *Ministre* *je* *m'en* *proposais* *de* *vous* *déclamer*." My friend was not mirthful on the subject to Paris.

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a pedestal bereft of its statue—some

WHITE is very much worn, both at the seaside and country house; muslin, alpaca, cachemire, granda sultane, and even silk, are the favourite materials for these dresses. Costumes that are intended simply for the seaside or country lanes generally have the petticoats of some kind of coarse material, and are trimmed with velvet or reps, and the tunic, cascade or polonaise of a different material. We have seen some very pretty cambric and percale petticoats trimmed with very closely plaited flounces made up with insertions of some of the most beautiful silks with an upper dress of some white material, such as linen, for instance, are very effective, and very easy washed. All shades of grey are much worn: a grained material, is a mixture of black and white, and is much worn, but it is not, perhaps, the very best favour; but the fursulpe with which it is generally trimmed has had to cede the pace to broad Anglaise, which is most fashionably employed for a

... but one, M. Gambetta's prefecture during December and January. He was

muslin interlards and lace edged; those dressed in tulle and lace are long, tulle and tulle and lace. The white muslin richly embroidered with lace is very elegant, and are made in a variety of styles and styles. The former are generally tied with a long sash. The caresses are generally made of tulle and lace, and are open. Foulards and the Dardes alpaca much worn; the former are more dressy, and at the same time more expensive. Taffetas, which have so long forsaken for the richer makes of silk, such as tulle and lace, are now again, in very much favour just now, though the quality of the materials will take the precedence as the same advances; at present taffetas is quite as good as thick silk as is required for costumes or undergarments. The latter are to be made especially for polonaises; we have seen some prepared for our leading elegantes, some very braided, others embroidered in silk by hand. Gu-

me violently by the hand and dia-
Scarcely had he got to the foot of the

ground. Short dresses, showing the top of the feet, are for children only. For dinner and evening wear, long, or, very ceremonious white, long skirts are de rigueur and the fullness of the skirt. The fullness is thrown quite to the back in evening—skirts, tunics, and mantles—leaving the front plain. Both long and short skirts are less full than formerly, being only just maintained to a small extent. The skirt is not worn by the nurse. Hodices are worn upon the square form reserved for evening or dressy occasions. Many dresses are open en cour or en châte; this gives an opportunity of wearing chemises and corsets. The chemise is made of white muslin, with beautiful embroideries and lace are quite intricate. There are no particularly new shapes sleeves; our clever modistes know how to give an appearance of novelty by the alteration of the collar and the cuffs. These ladies who have been faithful to the costume

"Maire!" he cried coolly, and was on the

Plain linen collars and cuffs are made in a variety of forms. Some are edged with a crossway band of coloured or striped linen for first morning wear. Others are trimmed round with a tiny plaited ribbon. Some are made in the shape of a collar, and others a different shape; sometimes a little open at the top with turned-back revers. The sailor collar, in the shape of a collar, is no longer in good style, but may appear again in the autumn and winter tailcoats. The under-cuffs are very small, and sometimes made in the shape of a collar, and are often trimmed with a narrow band of lace or ribbon. The waistcoats are of various shapes and designs, and are often made in the shape of a collar, and are often trimmed with a narrow band of lace or ribbon. The waistcoats are of various shapes and designs, and are often made in the shape of a collar, and are often trimmed with a narrow band of lace or ribbon.

While I was bringing him round to the subject of the talk, the concierge quietly resumed

fishable for Chantilly lace women; White coloured laburnums for tulle, or for silver lace; still more delicate for the lace of the day. The leaves are generally turned up at the back, sometimes at one side. Some are made with dark crowns over wide brims. We should hardly have added it necessary to say these are only lace for the seashore or country lane and garden, and incongruous with any toilet with the least pretension had we not to our great astonishment seen one in town the other day. Nothing ever looked so out of place. Some ladies will never leave the sea, and some will never leave the city. At certain times, and thus this gift of discrimination and taste the true "secret des Parisiennes."

It seemed to be no place for a woman with a child. She would only return when I could

most valuable remedy we possess for chronic skin diseases." Sold only in expanded imperial half-plate, quarter, by all chemists, druggists, and storekeepers. Sole signees, Ames, Harford, and Co., 71, Strand, London.—J. A. T.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1871

THE SUN FISH, OR ORTHOGORISCUS MOLA.—Of all the grand specimens of the sunny tribe which were caught in our famous harbour, this sun-fish is the most distinguished one. Mr. Skinner certainly deserves great credit for securing it, and eight-soors will do well to pay a visit to the illustrious stranger before

he begins to make himself disagreeable. The fish belongs to the family Gymnodontes (see *Industrial Progress of New South Wales* page 773); but Mr. Krefft does not mention the species in his catalogue, and this is certainly the first of its kind ever noticed in Australian waters. The above group comprises the porcupine and toad fishes, and forms the last link of the chain of fishes which possess an ossified skeleton. The

group is composed of the *Dipnoi*, to which the *Cretodus* *Postels* belongs, whose skeleton is partly cartilaginous. The Manly sea monster measures, "by the tape line," 18 feet in length by 11½ feet between the dorsal and anal fin. It is evidently the *Orthorhynchus* mole of authors, and the number of fin-rays, so far as they could be counted, agree with the formula for that famous fish. It appears to occur occasionally near the coast of Ireland.

Cricket.—The general annual meeting of the

How about wales Cricket Association was held last evening at Telferhall's. Mr. Richard Driver in the chair. The secretary, Mr. W. Clarke, read the following report, which was adopted:—"The committee have much pleasure in again meeting the members and placing before them the report for the past season. As usual, the chief feature in the annual report is the result of the regular intercolonial match, which was played here on the 9th, 10th, 11th, and

12th March, on the Albert Ground, and resulted in a win for Victoria. The play on both sides was of a very high character; and, although M. S. W. suffered a defeat, still the cricket shown by many of our players in the past match gives hope that a good eleven can be brought into the field again this season. It is a matter of congratulation that, notwithstanding the excitement that prevailed during the various chances of the Inter-

unpleasantnesses occurred, the conduct of the players being marked all through by that pleasant and manly feeling which must always be conducive to the interests of the game. In a monetary point of view and regards the means of carrying on future matches, the past match was a great success, and also marks the interest shown by the public in the game; and the committee have very much pleasure in announcing that the same will be continued.

the treasurers account herewith submitted, showing a balance in favour of the association of £350. The Domain trustees having represented to the association that the funds at their disposal were inadequate to maintain the ground in good order, it was considered advisable to vote them a sum of £350 in order to assist them. This sum not having been found sufficient, your committee recommend a further vote

and £19, making a vote equal to £26 in all. At the close of last season the committee being desirous of eliciting an opinion from the Victorian association as to the desirability or otherwise of confining the intercolonial matches to amateurs only a letter to that effect was sent to Victoria, and the matter having been discussed by the Melbourne Cricket Club (which body in Victoria occupies a nearly similar position there as regards cricket

as this Association does in New South Wales), an answer was sent, stating that in Victoria the feeling is strongly in favour of those matches containing the full strength of each colony, both professionals and amateurs. In concluding their report, the committee invite the co-operation of all cricketers to make and strengthen the bands of the Association. It now devolves on the members of the Association to elect an

for the ensuing season." After the reading of the report, the following officers-honorary were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing season: President, Mr. E. Driver; vice-presidents, Messrs. Calvert and C. Moore; treasurer, Mr. A. Stark; secretary, Mr. W. Clark. Mr. De Lissa spoke in complimentary terms of the officials of the association, and a vote of thanks was passed. Messrs. Driver and

THE ISLAND OF ALIU.—When the *Corypheus* was wrecked the captain and crew made for the island of Aliu. Captain Rao gave the following particulars with reference to the inhabitants, which we take from the *Post*:

hampton Bulletin. He saw about seventy men on the island, besides women and children. He thinks that if missionaries were sent among them they are a race that would soon christianize. Even now they are exceedingly pleasant in their manners, and evidently very fond of their children, who are very docile, and whose regard for and obedience to their parents makes them a pattern worthy of

imitation by some callous brought up in the midst of civilisation. Captain Ray experienced much kindness and attention from these people, and totally objects to their being denominated "savages." They must have previously seen white men, as they could say "very good," but what appeared to be an old American hatchet in their possession, and picked up every scrap of iron from the vessel with avidity. With copper, however, they seemed to have no acquaintance.

space, as they allowed it lie untouched on the beach. The only quadrupeds seen on the island were two native cats, besides the two cats and two piglets alive from the Corymephens, and left there by Captain Rae. As the pigs were male and female, it is possible that a breed of these useful animals will be established in the group. There was a moderate supply of coconuts on the island, and in addition a fruit that the Captain had never previously met

with. It is about three inches in length, has a hard skin, and grows in large clusters. The islanders grind it up with their teeth, which appear to be destroyed by the process, as a native with sound teeth was scarcely to be seen. They also grated the fruit returned to on hoop iron, and dried it in the sun. Captain Rae was induced to taste it as thus prepared, and found it not unlike hard dates, which can be prepared in a somewhat reliable manner.

however, occupied many of their leisure hours in manufacturing a large roll of the preserved fruit, which was kindly presented to them by the islanders on leaving. Afta is a new islet, and the captain believes that some of the men he saw came from the other islands in the group, all of which are believed to be inhabited by the same kindly race. They wear a grass covering fastened around the loins, and

appear to be healthy and moderately robust, despite the poverty of the food on which they are compelled to subsist. The Ailu people appear to be of Papuan extraction. They live in native dwellings, the ground floors being covered with mats, and having a sleeping apartment above, as is found in the habitations of the natives at the extreme north of Australia. Captain Rae thinks the group well worthy of the attention of one of the missionary societies.

believing the natives would receive missionaries kindly, and be easily induced to embrace Christianity. Apart from any advantage occurring to the islanders from the presence of missionaries, it is not probable that as the Pacific trade increases other distressed mariners may be cast away on the Marshall Group, in which case the assistance and influence of a missionary would be very valuable, and might be of important service in the preservation of both life and property.

The archipelago is a little to the westward of the route from China to southern Australia. Captain Beechey reports that he discovered a wreck which occurred there many years ago, when it is probable the natives were brought in contact with Europeans for the first and last time within the memory of the present generation, at least.

is reported in the *Essex Standard*:—John Chinaman is not only good at dodges of his own invention, or introduction, but he can also be made a useful ally of by the male or female barbarian. The former goes smacks with him in tea shops, where John lends his name to the concern, and also largely enhances the value of the stock by his presence, while the latter can utilize him in a manner which shall soon be described. Some time ago a celestial, who was be-

called Wee Nip for the purpose of this narration, married a European dame, and also took over with her into his care the mother-in-law. Wee Nip had a snug little peripatetic tea, chess and feather brush business round the streets; but his wife soon introduced a new feature, and Wee Nip produced from his boxes "welly nice silk gowns," "welly

piety button jacket for cummings, and to the "large retail business in gowns, mantles, and ladies' hats" was worked up by John, while his wife did the wholesale purchases, going about from door to door in fashionable quarters to pick up cast-off furs. Representing that she was a poor struggling woman all alone in the world, a Chinese man not being worth speaking of, she opened a lengthy credit list, but people who saw her once seldom saw

her again. In this way a splendid profit was reaped by the firm of Mrs. Wes Nip and husband. A housekeeper who had been done to a heavy extent managed to find out the premises of the firm, and made a demand for her money. Mrs. Wes Nip put her off for the time with promises. A day or two afterwards the housekeeper, on returning home from a trip to town, was surprised by being recruited by a juvenile

member of the family to come and look at what Mrs. Woo Nip had left. Her attention was then directed to an abominably ugly pink satin ball dress, hanging on a chair. The good lady immediately repaired to Mrs. Chinamen's residence, and told her to take away the abomination, which was of no earthly use to a person of her habits. She further threatened to sue Mrs. Woo Nip at once for the damage done by the dress, which she had just received from the command of

action in the local police court, whereupon Mrs. Wee Nip pleaded the ball dress as a set-off, and made up a story about its purchase, which quite set the good lady against. However, the Bench gave a verdict for the amount claimed, and would not recognize the ball dress at all. An exception upon the Wee Nips followed, but then the mother-in-law stopped forward with the declaration that they were — it

COTTON SEED AND CASTOR OIL.—Cotton seed oil and castor oil beams (says the *Brisbane Courier*)

figure amongst the exports of the west to England. As consignments, we believe, are from the most-improving establishment at Redbank, and are but the first, we hope, of a heavy trade in those articles. There is no reason why it should not be so. The castor oil bean flourishes amazingly even in a wild state, and when cultivated bears heavily and produces an oil which medical men pronounce of very superior quality. Fully two lbs. of cotton seed are

produced for every lb. of cotton exported, and much of this mass of seed has been in the way of the ginners, who could but burn it or offer it to farmers for manure.

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